

**REMARKS**

The title has been amended to conform to the English language translation. The claims have also been amended to delete multiple dependencies, and have been amended to make minor editorial changes. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the specification and claims as amended.

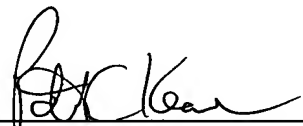
Early and favorable consideration with respect to the application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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